Tobacco Research Institute. The Tobacco Board only co-ordinates the transfer of technology and knowledge developed by the Institute to the fanners.

Anti-dumping investigations by China on pathalic anhydride

3678. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has initiated anti-dumping investigations against exports of pathalic anhydride from India;

(b) if so, whether this investigation covers such exports from South Korea and Japan; and

(c) whether India is likely to evolve a joint strategy with Korea and Japan to counter the dumping charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Slapping of import tariff by US on Indian steel

3679. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has slapped high import tariff on steel, affecting India's Steel exports;

(b) whether this move by US also denies access to steel exporters from Japan, South Korea and the European Union;

(c) if so, whether India apprehends large-scale dumping of steel out of floating consignments from Russia, Japan and the European Union into its soil; and

(d) if so, the preventive measures contemplated in this regard?